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Peter M.K. Frost  
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Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Relating To Occurrences Or  
Presence of Canada lynx In The State of Idaho from 2005 to the Present

Dear Mr. Frost:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 22, 2014 for the following documents:

1. Records of lynx occurrences or presence of Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) in the State of Idaho from 2005 to the present. By "occurrences" or "presence" I mean records of both regular or recurring occurrences, sightings, or presence of Canada lynx, and records of episodic or transient occurrences, sightings, or presence of Canada lynx.
2. Records of correspondence from the State of Idaho (including any of its agencies) to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service related to Canada lynx, including specifically any comments or emails, formal or informal, and meeting notes related to the listing of Canada lynx under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the designation of critical habitat under the ESA.
3. Records of correspondence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the State of Idaho (including any of its agencies), or from the State of Idaho to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, related to Canada lynx, including specifically any comments or email, formal or informal, and meeting notes related to effects on Canada lynx of wildlife trapping activities in the State of Idaho.

Your request was received in our office on October 24, 2014 and has been assigned the number: FWS-2015-00128. Any future correspondence concerning your request should refer to this number. Your request will be processed once any issues regarding its scope or nature are resolved. This request has been placed in the "complex" track, for which up to a 30-workday time period is applicable for processing which is consistent with Department of the Interior FOIA regulations (43 CFR § 2.15). This incorporates a 10 work day extension from the statutory 20 work days, due to the need to collect records from multiple offices, consistent with DOI FOIA regulations (43 CFR 2.19).

The FOIA permits documents to be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge if disclosure of the information is (1) in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the Government, and (2) not primarily in your commercial interest. Your fee waiver request contains sufficient information to grant the waiver. (43 CFR § 2.45(a))

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Mackey of our office at (208) 378-5243.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Carrier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Carrier" clearly distinguishable.

Michael Carrier, State Supervisor  
Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office